

# Important City Numbers

## Non-Emergency Police

San Diego Police Department—  
619.531.2000

## Street Light Repair

Transportation Department—  
619.527.8000

## Missed Trash Pick-up

Environmental Services— 858.694.7000

## Pot Holes

Streets Division—619.537.7500

## Abandoned Vehicles

Abandon Vehicle Abatement—  
858.495.7856

## Abandoned Trash or Debris

Environmental Services Code Compli-  
ance—858.694.7000

## Graffiti Removal

Graffiti Control Hotline—619.525.8522

## Dead Animal Pick-Up

Cal-Trans (freeways and off ramps)—  
619.688.6670

Environmental Services (Streets, Alley,  
Sidewalks)—858.694.7000

## Abandoned Shopping Carts

Environmental Services—858.694.7000

## Any Issue Not Listed

Office of Councilmember David Alvarez—  
619.236.6688



**Councilmember David Alvarez**

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## ***Budget: We Must Fund Our Libraries, Parks, After School Programs***

The budget process for the City of San Diego has been plagued by short-sighted decision making and a lack of transparency for years. Only this year has the City Council decided to handle the budget process differently. This was done in hopes of avoiding the long-standing practice of waiting until the absolute last minute and then reacting to the crisis of time-management to complete the budget on schedule.

After four months of budget discourse, this year the citizens of San Diego have seen a City Council that has worked together bringing ideas forward that best serve the city as a whole. A proactive City Council has taken control of the budget in a bi-partisan, cooperative fashion. Perhaps nowhere was this more apparent than the recent discussion of Libraries and Park and Recreation.

Additionally, I have identified further cuts in the Mayor's revised budget from May that total nearly \$19 million. From there, we can restore nearly \$8 million in services and place the remaining savings in the City's reserves.

But still the Mayor proposed dramatic cuts to libraries, parks and recreation. These were cuts that simply were unacceptable to the City Council. Studies over the past 20 years have shown that libraries are critical in fostering literacy, particularly among pre-school and elementary age children. This is especially true during the summer months where students lose up to one month of previ-

ously learned education with disadvantaged students being much more disproportionately affected. In fact, two-thirds of the reading achievement gap we see in ninth grade among disadvantaged students can be attributed to an unequal access to summer learning opportunities when they were younger.

While libraries keep our children literate, park and recreation facilities keep them healthy. A recent study found adolescents with easy access to recreation facilities were more physically active and less likely to be overweight. Considering all of the dietary challenges and health risks faced due to diet, exercise is one of the biggest factors toward a prolonged life. And activities at parks and recreation facilities ensure our children and adolescents stay busy and out of trouble.

We must continue to pursue budget savings measure through managed competition, reduced spending and looking for new and innovative ways to do business. Each and every dollar the City saves through innovation and efficiencies can be returned back into core City services; services such as police, fire, libraries, parks and fixing out streets. If we continue to be creative and to think outside of the box, not only will we survive this economic downturn but we will come out of it stronger.

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# Chelsea Fire Club Football

Through dedication, hard work and perseverance, a group of young women have brought joy and pride to their community, by completing their season in the Presidio Soccer League undefeated. Yet this seemingly invincible team did not form overnight. Its success is merely the fruit of Coach Ramiro Rojas' and the girls' hard work. Having survived an unfortunate opening season, the team remained faithful and committed. They state "winning is possible, it's just a matter of how bad we want it," as a reminder to themselves and their community that nothing is outside of their grasp. Where once the community underestimated their girls as athletes, they now hold them in a higher light with the highest reverence. Such discipline earned the girls not only the title, but the acknowledgement of Councilman David Alvarez, as he rewarded their achievement with tickets to the Mexico vs. Venezuela game. These girls acted as a friendly reminder that the term athlete is androgynous, and gender holds no limitations.



*Most  
Interesting  
Person  
in District 8*

Eva Vargas has lived in Shelltown her entire life and takes great pride in her community. She is involved in nearly every aspect of the community, be it helping with a clean-up or going before the County Board of Supervisors to ask for a community grant. An active member of the San Diego Organizing Project at St. Judes Shrine Church, she is a member of the Southcrest Recreation Council and Groundwork San Diego Chollas Creek.

Eva was instrumental in helping restore the 252 Corridor, an area initially designated for a freeway set to split the entire community that instead became an area for affordable housing. Eva takes deep pride in her community and she feels that there is no hurdle large enough to stop her from helping Shelltown.

### District Eight >>>

## Town Hall Meetings

In the past few weeks, I have addressed resident concerns regarding the City's Fiscal Year 2012 budget. As your representative, it is important to me to listen to your opinions and your ideas on addressing the Mayor's proposed budget. During the second week of May, I held two budget town hall meetings. One was held in the south at the new Border View YMCA beautiful facility. The following day, the Sherman Heights Community center hosted the second town hall to residents of the northern part of the district.



At both meetings, I presented our current budget challenges that we are facing for the next five years. I shared my proposed budget solutions during the meetings outlining areas that could save the city over \$46 million dollars and avoid cuts to our most basic city services. I explained my priorities, such as preserving the library hours and Park and Recreation service levels, as well as full restoration of the fire departments brown out. I presented the Mayor's proposed budget as well and outlined the effects it would have on District 8. Many residents attended the town hall meetings and were able to share their thoughts and concerns about prioritizing city services with me.

I want to thank everyone that made an effort to attend these budget town halls. Your participation allows the voice of our community to be heard loud and clear at City Hall. I pledge to continue holding District 8 Town Hall meetings that will focus on addressing the various needs and issues in our community.

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### Summer Rec Center Activities

### Golden Hills Recreation Center

Golden Hills Recreation Council Meetings on the Second Monday of the month, Conference room 2 at 6:30pm.  
Youth Flag Football (16 & Under) , Signups Start August 20<sup>th</sup>, Season Begins September

**Montgomery Waller**

Montgomery Waller Recreation Council on the Second Thursday of each month at 7pm  
Baseball/Softball Summer League for ages 8-12. Registration cost is \$15.00 and begins June 7<sup>th</sup>. Season is From July 11<sup>th</sup> until August 20<sup>th</sup>, with games on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:30-6:30pm.  
Free Summer Lunch Program (Ages 2-18) between June 27<sup>th</sup> and August 3<sup>rd</sup>, Weekdays from 1-2pm. Snacks will be given at 4pm.  
Summer Basketball Clinics on Tuesday afternoons with Ages 8-10 @ 4pm, and Ages 11-14 @ 5pm. \$15 Registration with the Program running From July 27<sup>th</sup> until August 31<sup>st</sup>.  
Carnival Amusement on July 21<sup>st</sup> through the 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5-10pm on Thursday and Friday and 4-9pm Saturday and Sunday. Hours may be subject to change, though can be confirmed with Mr. Bill Jacobs at 760-735-8542.

**Colonel Irving Salomon San Ysidro**

San Ysidro Recreation Meeting on the Second Monday of each month at 6pm.  
Free Summer Lunch Program (Ages 2-18) Starting June Weekdays from 12-1pm. Snacks will be given at 4:30pm.  
Summer Lunch Community Barbecue on July 2<sup>nd</sup> from 12:20-2:30pm. Adults- \$2 Kids-FREE  
Summer Camp from June 27<sup>th</sup> until July 29<sup>th</sup>, 12-5:30pm. Registration is \$25/week.  
Teen Club (Ages 12-17) Monday-Thursday from 4-7pm.

## Silver Wing

Silver Wing Recreation Council Meetings on the second Thursday of each month at 7pm.  
Baseball/Softball League for Ages 5-12. Registration is \$15 & opens June 13<sup>th</sup> with games running from July 9<sup>th</sup> until August 27<sup>th</sup>.  
Electric Teen Center (Ages 11-17) is open from 3-6pm Monday-Thursday and 1:30-6pm on Friday.  
Adult Ceramics on Thursday from 5-6:30pm with Registration being \$10 per month.  
Free Summer Lunch Program (Ages 2-17), Weekdays from 12:30-1:30pm. Snacks will be given from 4:30-5pm.

## Southcrest

Southcrest Recreation Council on the Second Thursday of each month (August and December excluded) at 5:30 pm.

Free Summer Lunch Program between July 24<sup>th</sup> and August 31<sup>st</sup>, Weekdays from 12:30-1:30pm. Snacks will be given at 4:30pm.

Community Barbecue on August 10<sup>th</sup>. Adults-\$3 Kids-FREE

Fiesta Day on August 17<sup>th</sup>. Adults-\$3 Kids-FREE

Youth Swim Program Weekdays from August 16<sup>th</sup> until September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Registration opens August 14<sup>th</sup> at \$10/session. Free Swim is daily.

**Robert Egger, Sr. – South Bay**

Robert Egger Sr. – South Bay Recreation Council on the Second Wednesday of the month at 6:30am.  
Learn to Swim Program (Ages 3 & up) Must be 3 feet tall and Bathroom Trained. Registration is on July 9<sup>th</sup>, between 10am and 12pm for weekday classes. Sessions last only 1 week, and begin July 11<sup>th</sup> ending on the 29<sup>th</sup>  
Free Summer Baseball (ages 8-15). Registration opens June 20<sup>th</sup> and ends July 10<sup>th</sup>. Ages 8-10 Practice Monday and Wednesday from 4-6pm, with games at 9 or 11am on Saturdays at the Cesar Chavez Community Center. Ages 11-12 hold the same schedule except practice is from 6-8pm. Ages 13-15 have games at 9m at the MLK Rec Center, Practices TBA.  
Free Arts & Crafts for Ages 6-14, Mondays from 4-6pm.  
Movie in the Park [Gnomeo and Juliet] on August 5<sup>th</sup>, admission is free, just bring pillows, blankets or chairs.

